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Efforts of the Kyrgyz Republic in implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention

Event: Round table on the aspects of the implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) in the context of realization of National Action Plan of the Kyrgyz Republic on implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1540 (2004)

Organizers: Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Programme Office in Bishkek

Date and venue: Kosh-Kol village, Issyk-Kul region, Kyrgyzstan, 7-8 September 2017

Participants: *Ministries and State agencies of the Kyrgyz Republic*: Ministry of Economy, Office of the Government, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Emergency, State Inspectorate on Veterinary and Phytosanitary Security under the Government, State Agency on Environmental Protection and Forestry, State Committee on National Security, State Border Service, State Customs Service under the Government, General Staff of Armed Forces, Ministry of Agriculture, National Academy of Science

Expert organizations: Ministry of Health of Republic of Belarus, Centre for Non-proliferation and Export Control (Bishkek)

Organizations: OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek (OSCE POiB), Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit (BWC ISU), United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD), US Embassy Bishkek Export Control and Related Border Security (EXBS) Programme

I. Background

1. National Action Plan (NAP) of the Kyrgyz Republic on implementation of the UNSCR 1540 (2004), developed by the interested Ministries and State Agencies of the Kyrgyz Republic with the assistance of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC), UNSCR 1540 Committee, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, and the OSCE Centre in Bishkek was approved by the Governmental Decree # 144 on 22 March 2013. By mid-2016 the implementation rate of the 1540 NAP reached 70 percent. The NAP was reviewed and amended in 2016-2017 and remaining incomplete as well as new measures were included into the new NAP (2017) approved by Governmental Decree # 443 on 24 July 2017.

2. In accordance with paragraphs 2, 3, 6 and 8 of UNSCR 1540 (2004), activities ensuring the full implementation of the provisions of the BWC by the Kyrgyz Republic have been included in the updated NAP.

3. The aim of the round table was twofold:

(a) To discuss in detail the roles and responsibilities of various ministries and agencies in implementation of BWC required for designating a national authority on BWC through development and adoption of a Governmental decree; and

(b) Support developing national regulatory framework on BWC implementation in order to ensure efficient implementation of the Convention and UNSCR 1540 (2004).

II. Overview

4. The discussion involved in total 30 representatives of representatives of state institutions responsible for the NAP on UNSCR 1540 (2004) implementation. Participants discussed inputs of the state agencies and other stakeholders to the implementation of the BWC by Kyrgyzstan and developed eight recommendations on further improvement of the national regulatory framework and implementation practices, considered effective practices applied by other States, and agreed on division of roles and responsibilities of the national agencies and other stakeholders.

5. Participants recommended to designate the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic as a national authority on BWC implementation, and agreed to draft a respective governmental decision. In addition to recommendations specified below, the participants drafted a document designating responsible state agency/ies for implementation of each article of BWC.

6. Furthermore, the round table provided an opportunity to present the newly adopted NAP to participating state agencies and international experts. Participants from Belarus and international experts provided practical advice on the implementation of provisions of NAP related to BWC.

III. Recommendations (Unofficial translation)

1. Recommended to define the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic as the authorized body for the implementation of the BWC.

2. Accelerate provision of state agency's plans in accordance with article 26 of the Action Plan of the Kyrgyz Republic in implementation of the UNSCR 1540 (2004).

3. Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic to accelerate the process of formation of an inter-agency working group.

4. To establish an electronic database of normative legal acts in the field of biosafety and biosecurity.

5. To study the issue of the development of bilateral or sub-regional confidence and security measures with neighbouring states in the field of biosafety and biosecurity of border areas.

6. To start working out the issue of needs of Kyrgyz Republic in the implementation of the BWC.

7. To nominate a representative of the Kyrgyz Republic to attend the Meeting of States Parties in Geneva, Switzerland, 4-8 December 2017 and request the assistance of international organizations "donors" in financing participation in an expanded delegation in the event.

8. To familiarize the interagency working group with the project of the International Science and Technology Center (ISTC) 53 "Strengthening the National Legal Framework and Provision of Specialized Training on Bio-Safety and Bio-Security in Central Asian Countries".